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### 1. Security Measures and Liberty

After our ship was berthed at point "A" on H O 4928 a party of 12 uniformed men armed with pistols came aboard and conducted a thorough three-hour search, during which the crew were permitted to remain in their own compartments. Emphasis of the search was upon detection of stowaways, but all cameras and binoculars were seized. Guards on the dock kept the ship under surveillance during our stay in port, and a second search was conducted prior to our departure. Our crew was predominantly Greek, but only the Master of the vessel and UK nationals were allowed ashore. Passes were issued to those permitted ashore and they were carefully inspected by the guards on the dock before the owner could proceed on liberty. The ship's wireless operator became so intoxicated that he was late in returning aboard and delayed the ship for a day. He stated that he had gotten drunk and spent the night with a Polish woman.

### 2. Port Activity and Facilities

The port of Gdynia did not seem very busy, and during our stay I noted only the following foreign merchant ships. A UK vessel was discharging general cargo at point "B" on H O 4928 and an Italian ship was also in port, but I do not recall its location. A Polish merchant ship was discharging peanuts at point "C", and two or three old Polish merchantmen were at point "D". I did not observe the names of any of the above. A floating elevator, placed between our vessel and the dock at point "E" was used in discharging our cargo of grain, and there was a large elevator at point "F". I do not believe the tanks indicated at point "G" were there, and although I was told there was a drydock at Gdynia I did not see it. I did see a small dredge in operation. I observed no hazards to navigation.

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3. Miscellaneous Information

The approach to Gdynia was not difficult, standard UK Admiralty and German charts being used. Before entering port I observed two fishing vessels, but saw none at Gdynia. I saw only one aircraft flying over the port, but it was too high for identification. I saw no radar or gun emplacements, nor any naval vessels, and the only military personnel noted were those connected with the searching and guarding of our ship. I did not note any new construction. The only people with whom I came into contact were those officials interested in our ship, all of whom appeared to be aloof but efficient.

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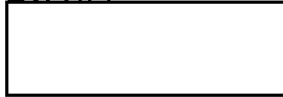
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